

REMARKS

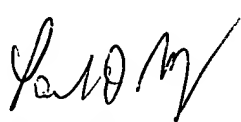
Claims 1 to 20 and 22 to 33 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action has stated that an election of Species I (claims 1 to 14 and 24 to 29), Species II (claims 15 to 17 and 30), Species III (claims 18 to 20 and 31), Species IV (claims 22 and 32), or Species IV (claims 23 and 33) is required. Applicants elect Species I (claims 1 to 14 and 24 to 29) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Office Action has stated that currently none of the claims are generic.

Claims 1, 15, 18, and 22 are amended such that claim 1 is now generic to Species I, II, III, IV, and V.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing election is responsive to the requirement to elect a species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable, as set forth in the Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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